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Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

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Full Committee Meeting
Virginia Department of Education
May 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Membership Attendance
Jill Baedke, ITRT, Large School Division
John Blackwell, Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (VACTE)
Tina Barringer, Virginia Association for School Superintendents (VASS) (for Winston Odom)
Ken Butta, Virginia Middle School Association (VMSA)
Brian Callahan, Business Representative (WHRO)
Stephanie Carter, Regional Study Group VIII Representative (for James Thornton)
Susan Clair, Vice Chair, Department of Correctional Education
Janet Copenhaver, Regional Study Group VI Representative (for Anthony Jackson)
Bill Flaherty, Chair, Virginia Association of School Business Officials (VASBO)
Priscilla Godfrey, Virginia School Board Association (VSBA)
Janene Gorham, Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE)
Ramesh Kapoor, Secretary, Leadership, Large School Division
John Littlefield, Past-Chair, Regional Study Group II Representative
Nancy Melashenko, Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)
Adele Morris, Leadership, Small School Division
Paul Nichols, Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (VASCD)
Ruth Okoye, Virginia State Reading Association (VSRA)
David Rankin, Virginia Educational Media Association (VEMA)
Aron Sterling, Capital Region Society for Technology in Education (CRSTE)
Shane Wolfe, Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP)
Ena Wood, ITRT, Medium School Representative
Joe Joyner, Tidewater Community College

Department of Education Representatives Attendance
Lan Neugent, Assistant Superintendent for Technology, Career & Adult Education
Tammy McGraw, Director of Educational Technology
Jean Weller, Educational Technology
Teresa Coryell, Educational Technology
Matt Bryant, Educational Information Management

Opening Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
Bill Flaherty opened the meeting with introductions.

Approval of February 5, 2011, Minutes
The Chair asked the committee to review the minutes and then asked for a motion to approve.
John Littlefield made a motion that was seconded by Susan Clair. The minutes were approved
unanimously by the committee.

Report from the Assistant Superintendent for Technology, Career & Adult Education— Lan Neugent

- Open Education Curriculum Board criteria was provided to the board. We will try to create some type of engine to share resources for teachers in an open environment. There is also interest in creating an incentive program to do this.
- Tammy and Lan are meeting with Jeff Crowder at Virginia Tech regarding Internet2 access for schools. Suffolk is using it through ODU. The VDOE is looking at how this could be available to K12 with costs being provided by other entities. Discussion ensued.
- Tammy will discuss more about multidivision online providers (MOP). One particularly important issue is the funding aspects. When a student in an MOP provider arrangement enrolls with a school, they are enrolled with that school division and the funding is the administration of that division. Local school divisions have been asked to post a list of approved courses that will be offered by July 1, 2011.
- Senate Finance committee is meeting on June 7 at The College of William and Mary. It is open to the public.
- Board meetings are streamed and archived.

Report from the Director of Educational Information Management—Matt Bryant for Bethann Canada

- The stabilization fund/SLDS grant is a part of ARRA and $17.5 million in 2010 was provided to focus on five outcomes. Outcome five is for providing electronic transcripts to colleges. Infrastructure is being put in place by DOE to make this happen. Information to divisions is being provided through webinars.
- Federated data query model is being developed to track students from pre-K through their work career. Policy aspects are still being developed. There will be professional development opportunities through workshops for implementing these policies. This will help support better decision making.
- The VDOE is also working on teacher/principal evaluation. Model guidelines have been developed and approved.
- Part of the grant funds were passed on to 41 school divisions to implement guidelines through subgrants.

Report from the Director of Educational Technology—Tammy McGraw

- Multidivision online provider guidelines for divisions will be available in the next couple of weeks.
- OET is working with the Verizon Foundation on Teacher Excellence Awards. Please consider nominating teachers for those awards.
- Internet safety and character education lessons in the Infinite Learning Lab are functional now and twelve additional lessons in mathematics, science, and language arts are currently being developed.
- Economics and personal finance course will be ready in the fall and will be offered through Virtual Virginia. It will be available to school divisions after the initial pilot. This online course is comprised of 160 modules.
- Four school divisions participated in the iPad e-textbook pilot focusing on social studies and AP Biology. Students used textbooks on iPads during the school year. A report will provide some summary information about the project.
- A new pilot, the e-Learning Backpack Initiative, is focusing on mathematics and science. A concept paper is being reviewed and vendors who want to participate will be vetted. A

question was asked about the pilot being conducted. Tammy said DOE has limited resources and the Beyond Textbooks pilot was using the iPad only as a digital textbook. John Blackwell added that a number of higher education students are looking for projects and would be be happy to assist.

Old Business
- None

New Business
- The updated VETAC Web site is not ready for review at this time. (http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/committees_advisory/technology_advisory/index.shtml)
- Bill Flaherty asked the group if they would be interested in meeting at a school site for one meeting next year. The group was generally interested. The Executive Committee will take it up for discussion/decision.

Presentation on iPads and interactive whiteboard initiatives at Virginia Beach City Public Schools—William Johnsen
- Bill Johnsen made a presentation on the iPads and interactive whiteboards initiatives at Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Report on current status of Virginia PBS for schools—Brian Callahan
- Brian Callahan made a presentation on the budget for the upcoming year. Due to budgetary cuts, WHRO may not be able to provide educational services programming at the same level as in prior years.

Report on division technology plans and professional development—Jean Weller
- Jean reported that all plans are required to align with the state plan and e-Rate requirements and need to be in place by June 30. She has approved several and is expecting to receive and approve others.
- OET will have several online professional development courses available for teachers starting in the fall. These are free to school divisions.

Report on Virginia Wizard and the new Academic Career Plans (ACP)—Lori Dwyer and Joe Wharff
- In December 2007, the Governor asked for middle and high school students to have academic career plans beginning with ninth grade in 2013. The guidelines were prepared. The Virginia Wizard is at http://www.vawizard.org and information about Academic Career Plans is available at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/graduation/academic_career_plan.shtml.

Adjournment
Adele Morris made a motion to adjourn and Jill Baedke seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2011. The next full committee meeting is scheduled for fall 2011.